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BEGIN SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS IN MORNING OF JULY 9 WERE MADE BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, NETHERLANDS, ROMANIA, IRAN, EEC SECRETARIAT AND GUINEA. END SUMMARY.

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CZECH PERM REP SMID CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS, NIEO AND CERDS. DESPITE USEFUL MEASURES TAKEN, IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS HAD BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. IT HAS BEEN NEGATIVELY INFLUENCED BY NEOCOLONIALISM, MONOPOLIES, MONETARY CRISIS OF CAPITALIST WORLD AND INFLATION.

2. RE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, SMID HOPED FOR FURTHER REDUCTION IN TENSIONS THROUGH COOPERATION. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL SUPPORT EQUALITY, NON-DISCRIMINATION IN TRADE, AND TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. IT REJECTS ECONOMIC PRESSURES, THE TRANSFER OF CAPITALIST ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO OTHERS, AND DISCRIMINATION. IN ACHIEVING NIEO, DISARMAMENT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED. CZECH POLICY TOWARD LDC'S IS
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BASED ON COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH EMPHASIS ON PRODUCTION;
CUSTOMS PREFERENCES RESULTING IN THIRTY PERCENT INCREASE IN IM-

PORTS FROM LDC'S FROM 1972 TO 1974; TECHNICAL TRANSFERS; AND TRAINING.

3. NETHERLANDS. NETHERLANDS PERM REP KAUFMANN, REFERRING TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AS PRODUCING FRAMEWORK FOR A NIEO BASED ON EQUITY, EQUALITY, ETC., SAID NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED OVERNIGHT BUT THAT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS PART OF CONTINUING PROCESS. MENTIONED POSITIVE STEPS OF LOME CONVENTION, COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING, REFLECTED ALSO IN NEW YORK PREPARATORY TALKS. HE REFERRED TO SYMPOSIUM ON A NIEO SPONSORED BY GON IN WHICH MINISTER PRONK STRESSED (1) RECOGNITION OF CHANGE IN WORLD POWER RELATIONSHIPS, (2) NEED FOR NEW POLITICAL CONCEPTS SUCH AS WORLD-WIDE CRITERIA FOR MINIMUM INCOME AND LIVING STANDARDS, (3) SPECIFIC ACTION AND NEW RESOURCES FOR POOREST COUNTRIES, (4) ADEQUATE DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY.

4. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, TO WHICH IDS IS INTIMATELY LINKED, SHOULD BREAK NEW GROUND ON A SELECTED NUMBER OF FIELDS, GIVING DUE ATTENTION TO SOCIAL AND ATTRIBUTIVE ASPECTS; (1) TRADE AND COMMODITIES. UNCTAD SECGEN'S INTEGRATED APPROACH IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY APPROACH. GATT NEGOTIATIONS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN PROVIDING SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LDC'S AND IMPROVING GSP ESPECIALLY FOR PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL GOODS. DIRECT INDEXATION MAY HAVE MORE DISADVANTAGES THAN ADVANTAGES FOR LDC'S BUT INDIRECT INDEXATION TO COMPENSATE FOR SEVERE EXPORT EARNING SHORTFALLS RESULTING FROM SHARP COMMODITY PRICE DECREASES MIGHT BE PREFERABLE. (2) TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. THERE SHOULD BE RENEWED EMPHASIS ON 0.7 PERCENT ODA TARGET AND SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POOREST COUNTRIES AND SECTORS. AUTOMATIC TRANSFER MECHANISMS MAY HAVE TO BE STUDIED. WIDEST GROUP OF COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO NEW WORLD BANK AND IMF FINANCING FACILITIES. SPECIAL FUND SHOULD BECOME OPERATIONAL. TNC ROLE IN RESOURCE TRANSFER SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. A SCHEME FOR MULTILATERAL INVESTMENT GUARANTEES SHOULD BE STUDIED. GON IS CONTRIBUTING ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. (3) EMERGENCY NEEDS. (4) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. (5) STRUCTURAL REFORM. EXPERTS REPORT IS CONSTRUCTIVE. ECOSOC'S ROLE SHOULD BE REVITALIZED. (6) FOOD AND UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE. WFC DECISIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN NEW IMPETUS.

5. ROMANIA. ROMANIAN MINISTER COUNSELLOR (GENEVA) PRETRESCOU WELCOMED VICTORIES OF PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA AND AFRICA. HE CALLED FOR NEW RELATIONSHIP BASED ON ABSOLUTE EQUALITY, ACTIVE DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES; AND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NIEO, CERDS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF POPULATION, FOOD AND UNIDO CONFERENCES, AND PARTICULARLY IDS. HE ALSO ADVOCATED EQUITABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRICES OF PRIMARY AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, ELIMINATION OF FLUCTUATIONS; ACCESS TO PRIMARY PRO-

DUCTS AND SOURCES OF ENERGY; GROWTH IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,

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ESPECIALLY OF LDC'S, AND IN LDC PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND FERTILIZERS; A NEW MONETARY SYSTEM TO PROMOTE STABILITY. HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN PROVIDING SPECIAL TREATMENT TO LDC'S. PREFERENCES AND ECONOMIC/TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NORMAL AND NOT AS DONATIONS. COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S IS ALSO IMPORTANT.

6. ROMANIA IS GRATIFIED AT GROWING AWARENESS OF NEED TO STRENGTHEN UN STRUCTURE AND IS STUDYING EXPERTS REPORT. ECOSOC, WITH IMPORTANT ROLE IN IMPLEMENTATING NIEO, SHOULD BE REORDERED: E.G. POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUOUS SESSIONS; DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS. RE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, ROMANIA SUPPORTS G-77'S PROPOSED AGENDA WITH PURPOSE ADOPTING SPECIFIC MEASURES.

7. IRAN. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR (GENEVA) FARTASH SAID PROFOUND CHANGES OF RECENT YEARS MEAN THIRD WORLD IS NOW IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DECISION MAKING. THERE IS REALIZATION THAT DEPLETION OF LDC RESOURCES FOR BENEFIT OF DC'S MUST END AND BE REPLACED BY RATIONAL SYSTEM OF CONSERVATISM. NIEO AND CERDS TRULY REFLECT NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THIRD WORLD. IDS HAS HAD HISTORY

OF NON-ACHIEVEMENT, BUT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION GAVE NEW OUTLOOK.

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ECOSOC IS CALLED UPON TO COORDINATE ALL UN BODIES IN IMPLEMENT-
ING NIEO.

8. RE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AGENDA SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED
AS IN G-77 PROPOSAL, SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE ON TOO
MUCH AT ONCE. IRAN AGREES WITH MUCH OF EXPERTS REPORT ON
RESTRUCTURING, BUT REAL SOLUTIONS DEPEND ON DECISIONS ON SUB-
STANCE. ALL COUNTRIES MUST PARTICIPATE FULLY. NO ONE CON-
CEIVES OF NIEO AS DOGMA TO BE IMPOSED ON INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES;
IT IS EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS CALLING FOR COOPERATION OF ALL.

LDC'S ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN DEVELOPMENT, BUT DC'S HAVE SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY.

9. EEC COMMISSION. REPRESENTATIVE OF EEC COMMISSION GAVE A
PEDESTRIAN RECITATION OF AN OTHERWISE IMPRESSIVE CATALOGUE OF
RECENT EEC ACTIONS AND POSITIONS DIRECTED TOWARD WORLD ECONOMIC
SITUATION AND LDC'S. HE REFERRED TO: (1) 100 PERCENT INCREASE
FROM 1973 TO 1974 IN EEC IMPORTS FROM LDC'S; (2) EC ENDORSEMENTS
OF OECD DECISION NOT TO RESORT TO NEW TRADE RESTRICTIONS; (3)
EEC JOINT POSITION IN MTN IN FAVOR OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND
OF DEALING POSITION IN MTN IN FAVOR OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND
OF DEALING WITH ACCESS TO SUPPLIES AS WELL AS TO MARKETS; (4)
GSP ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM ENLARGEMENT OF EEC, AND THOSE EX-
TENDING SPECIAL TREATMENT TO ASIAN LDC'S, PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS, MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURERS, AND TO CACM,
ANDEAN GROUP AND ASEAN; (5) EEC PLANS TO EXTEND GSP BEYOND 1980;
(6) EEC VIEW THAT UNCTAD SECGEN'S PROPOSAL FOR INTEGRATED GLOBAL
PROGRAM ON PRIMARY COMMODITIES IS USEFUL BASIS FOR DISCUSSION;
(7) EEC DECLARATION OF WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS, INVOLVING STOCKS, FOR WHEAT, CORN, RICE AND SUGAR;
(8) EEC FOOD AID TOTALING 212 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT IN 1974
COMPARED TO 121 IN 1973, RESPONDING TO SAHEL DISASTER; (9) EEC
CONTRIBUTION OF \$500 MILLION TO EMERGENCY OPERATION IN ADDITION
TO FOOD AID TO MSA'S (10) EEC CONCURRENCE IN POLICY OF PRIORITY
ASSISTANCE TO 25 LEAST DEVELOPED; (11) LOME CONVENTION COVERING
STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS AND COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL,
FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION; (12) EEC BILATERAL AGREE-
MENTS WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES.

10. GUINEA. GUINEAN REP'S STATEMENT WAS FULL OF BILE. HIS

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ONLY SATISFACTION WAS IN SUCCESSES OF PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA,
MIDDLE EAST/PLO AND AFRICA AS REPRESENTING NEW ERA. HE

SAID CRISIS IS NOT DUE TO ENERGY BUT IS POLITICO-ECONOMIC.
DESPITE SOME WELL-INTENTIONED EFFORTS TO SOLVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, RESULTED HAVE BEEN THE REVERSE; GAP IS NOT BEING NARROWED; ASSISTANCE BY DC'S IS NEW FORM OF CAPITALIST COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, E.G., INIQUITIES ARE WORSENING; WFP RESULTS HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED BECAUSE DC'S ARE NOT PERFORMING; PROBLEMS CAN NOT BE SOLVED BY CRUMBS OF DONATIONS REVOLUTION, NOT EVOLUTION, IS NEEDED. SOUTH AFRICA IS COMMITTING GENOCIDE WITH ASSISTANCE OF CERTAIN COLONIAL POWERS WHO ARE TRUE ENEMIES.

11. UN NEEDS PROFOUND RESTRUCTURING. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGES OF THE PAST YEAR AND PROVIDE JUSTICE. DALE

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